

Chapel Returned to Important Committees

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On Jan. 31st, the Speaker of the Assembly, who has sole authority to appoint the chairmen and members of all Assembly committees (except the Rules Committee), announced at the rostrum of the Assembly, and then ordered the sergeant-at-arms to distribute mimeographed pamphlets, the results of his decisions. I have been re-appointed to the Assembly committees on Revenue and Taxation; Public Utilities and Corporations; and Transportation and Commerce. At my very special request I was removed from the Committee on Legislative Representation (Lobby Committee) and appointed as a member of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

It is a matter of opinion, but many veteran legislators regard the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation as second only to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means in power and influence, regarding vital bills. However, which committee is generally regarded as most important, is not as vital as what the committees accomplish.

AS A MEMBER of the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation, this is my 13th year of service, and I shall continue to vote as before, against creating new taxes or increasing existing taxes. The reason is that the power to tax is the power to destroy. Communism can win in the United States of America without a shot, a missile, or a rocket fired by Russia or its allies. All we have to do is to break our backs with taxes and the hammer and sickle will displace the stars and stripes.

The Assembly Committee on Public Utilities and Corporations, of which I have been a member for many years, spends most of its time in consideration of bills regarding public utilities such as the electric, gas, telephone, trucking, and railroad corporations. We are engaged comparatively few bills regarding corporation law because such bills are normally assigned to the Assembly Judiciary Committee. In other words, our bills are almost always those which very directly affect corporations which are public utilities and under the supervision of

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The first public speaking class of the South Bay Adult School spring semester was held Thursday evening at Redondo Beach High School.

The course is conducted by James H. McDonald of Manhattan Beach and is presented primarily to overcome the nervousness and stage fright which are fundamental problems of beginning speakers.

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The class in public speaking is held Thursday evenings between 7 and 9:30 p.m. Adults in the area interested in enrolling may register at the administration office, Redondo Beach High School.

It is as easy to deceive one's self without perceiving it, as it is difficult to deceive others without their finding it out.—La Rochefoucauld.



the Public Utilities Commission of the State.

THE ASSEMBLY Committee on Transportation and Commerce, during my service in the Legislature, has concentrated on bills relating to freeways, expressways (modified freeways), highways, roads, streets, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the California Highway Patrol and related subjects. Very few bills have been purely commercial in nature; hence, the title of the committee really should be "Transportation Committee," although there is nothing to prevent us from considering bills in the broad field of commerce.

The Assembly Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs should have an apostrophe after the word "Veterans" but years ago the little apostrophe was lost and is still missing. Actually, this is a double-barreled committee.

ONE DUTY is to consider bills relating to the California National Guard and the other responsibility is to consider bills of interest to veterans. I was assigned to this committee at my request because I am extremely interested in doing all I can for the California National Guard and the National Guard Organized Reserve. The U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps always have treated their reserve organizations with respect and affection. The National Guard (Army) and the National Guard (Air Force) have been treated by the regular Army and the regular Air Force like orphans. Of course, in order to protect myself, I must officially declare that this is purely my personal opinion and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

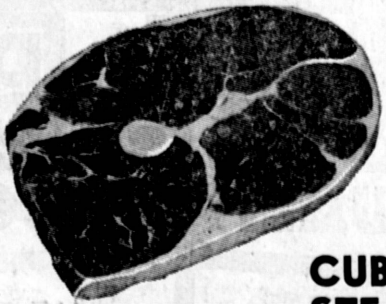
I speak from experience because when I was enlisted as a

trooper (private) in Troop A, 113th Iowa National Guard Cavalry, we rode horses and not automobiles like the cavalry does today. The horses we received came from what the Army called a "Remount Depot" and they were horses the regular army did not want or could not ride. The weapons were usually good but if there was any doubt, the regular army kept the best and we were lucky to get what was left.

ALL MEMBERS of the Assembly are limited to four committees. I received exactly the four I wanted and hence I have no complaint about these assignments. However, it is my duty to explain that there are (28) Republican members of the assembly. If twenty-seven (27) voted "no" on a swollen budget, it could not pass and it would have to be reduced before it could go to the Governor.

The Speaker of the Assembly has appointed four Republicans as chairmen of committees. You can draw any conclusion you want from this. On its face, this shows that the Speaker wants to give the Assembly a bi-partisan flavor. However, he is a very wise man and never does anything without a very good reason. What do you think is his reason for appointing four Republicans as committee chairmen? God save the State!

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